

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 1996**

Pursuant to the notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 11, 1996 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: John Larsen, Utah Division of Water Rights

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Carl H. Carpenter
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer
Ferrell Knight
Daryl Devey

Representing:

Group 1 - Kamas Valley Canals
Group 3 - Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 - Provo City Canals
Group 5 - East Provo Canals
Group 6 - Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 - Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 9 - Upper Provo Individual Rights
Group 10 - Central Utah Water
Conservancy District

Others Present:

Keith Denos
Richard Tullis
Tage Flint

Provo River Water Users Association
Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

Present from State Engineer's Office:

John Larsen
Gertrudys Adkins
Ben Anderson

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Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 12, 1995.

The following corrections to the minutes were made as follows:

1. Page 2, 4th paragraph from the bottom: the date should read July 18, 1994, not July 19, 1994.
2. Page 4, center of page: States Commissioner Ure, it should read, Chairman Ure.

A motion was made by Director Carpenter to approve the minutes with the two corrections noted. Director Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1995 Financial Reports

After a brief review of the statements, Director Rollins made a motion to approve the 1995 Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Director Carpenter and carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report

Deputy Commissioner Giles was unable to attend this meeting.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1995

Several things occurred to make this year on the Provo River stand out. Deer Creek Reservoir remained full until July 25th because of unusual flows in the Provo River. (Even during the flood year of 1983, it only remained full until July 8th.) Filling criteria for Jordanelle Reservoir prevented it from taking all of the excess water. Consequently, an extensive amount flowed into Utah Lake.

To help ease flooding on the Duchesne River, 5,600 acre feet was brought through the tunnel and stored in Jordanelle Reservoir. Jordanelle topped out at elevation 6,130 holding 216, 163 acre feet. Deer Creek Reservoir was declared full on June 2nd and physically filled June 18th. Secondary water was available the full year. Because April and May were wet months, most irrigation did not start until June.

Construction to rebuild the dam on Lost Lake was begun and Washington Dam was completed. Water from some of these upper lakes was stored in Jordanelle and negotiations have been completed to move most of the remaining rights from these lakes to Jordanelle.

The Olmsted Diversion Dam in Provo Canyon was completed and put to use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Some repairs were also completed on the Weber-Provo Canal.

In the Heber Valley, a new gauging station was installed on the river by the lower Midway bridge. This station will be helpful in transporting water from Jordanelle Reservoir to Deer Creek Reservoir.

A study of water lost from the river while traversing through Heber Valley was initiated. Along with this, several weirs were rated and new rating tables were completed for them. This will be an ongoing project. Also, to better reflect natural river flows, a three day average was adopted for the contents of Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoirs.

As a result of a discussion in last year's annual meeting, some members of the board met with representatives from the State Engineer's Office to review the assessment procedure presently in use. After some study, it was the consensus of the group to continue using the present method with some modifications.

We note the death this past summer of Jack Gardner. He had faithfully served as secretary to the Board for many years. His knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed.

Appreciation is extended to the State Engineer's Office, Dr. Robert Hill of the Utah State Extension Service, and water users on the system, for their help in managing the river this year.

Stanley Roberts, Jr., River Commissioner

A motion to approve the Commissioner's Report was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Devey, and carried unanimously.

1996 Budget

Director Jensen presented the 1996 budget. He indicated the total budget would be \$106,000.00 as compared to \$101,000.00 in 1995. The increase included a 4% salary increase for the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, plus an increase in Social Security and retirement contribution. Health insurance premiums increased \$1,200.00. There were also two minor decreases in other expense items.

Those from the State Engineer's office were also informed that the Board instructed Commissioner Roberts to complete the annual reports for 1985, 1986, 1988, and 1990 by the end of 1996, and have them available for distribution at the next annual meeting in January, 1997.

Director Rollins moved to approve the budget as presented. Director Knight seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1996 Assessment

The proposed new assessment method was explained to the Board. Wentz units are still used but some adjustments were made to the units assigned to the following companies:

Provo River Water Users Association units increased from 35,000 units to 50,000 units. A multiplier of 1.25 will be applied to the Provo Bench Canal Company units, and a multiplier of 1.70 to the Provo Reservoir Water Users Company units. Minimum user assessments along with the 5% power assessment would be deducted from the assessment amount before the unit percentages are applied.

After considerable discussion about the minimum users charges, Director Brown made a

motion to modify paragraph 5 on page 2 of the new assessment procedure to read, "\$20.00 per acre foot per contract up to 20 a.f. Those beyond 20 a.f. would be assessed twice. The motion was seconded by Director Knight, and it carried unanimously.

With the above modification approved, Director Carpenter moved that the new assessment procedure be adopted. (Copy attached to Minutes). Director VanWagoner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

To keep our fund balance above \$21,000.00, the assessment should be levied on the \$106,000.00. Director Carpenter moved to assess based on the full \$106,000.00. Director Devey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Larsen that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. had been nominated as the Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner for 1996.

Director Jones made the motion to appoint Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. as Provo River Commissioner for 1996. Director Devey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Director Devey then made the motion to appoint Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner for 1996. Director Rollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Larsen indicated he would take the motions under advisement and present the names to the State Engineer.

Mr. Larsen was also informed that the Deputy trainee job would be eliminated.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

At 11:15 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Director Jones and seconded by Director Devey. The motion carried unanimously.